AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0106] of the specification, as follows:

$$(|X_k| \ge M_k) and (|R_k| \ge M_k) - and - (|X_k - R_k| \le 0) (|X_k| \le M_k) and (|R_k| < M_k)$$
 [Equation 27]

Please amend paragraph [0109]of the specification, as follows:

$$-Dist_{2} = D_{21} + D_{22} + \beta * D_{23} \quad (|X_{k}| \ge M_{k}) \quad and \quad (|R_{k}| \ge M_{k}) \quad and \quad (X_{k} \cdot R_{k} < 0) \text{ [Equation 28]}$$

Please amend paragraph [0112] of the specification, as follows:

$$D_{21} = |X_k| M_k$$
 Dist₂ = $D_{21} + D_{22} + \beta * D_{23}$ [Equation 29]

Please amend paragraph [0114] of the specification, as follows:

$$D_{22} = |R_k| - M_k \qquad D_{21} = |X_k| - M_k \text{ [Equation 30]}$$

Please amend paragraph [0115] of the specification, as follows:

$$D_{23} = M_k - 2$$
 $D_{22} = |R_k| - M_k$ [Equation 31]

Please amend paragraph [0116] of the specification, as follows:

$$(X_k|\geq M_k)$$
 and $(R_k|\ll M_k)$ $D_{23}=M_k\cdot 2$ [Equation 32]

Please amend paragraph [0118] of the specification, as follows:

$$\frac{Dist_3 = D_{31}}{=|X_k| - M_k} \qquad \underbrace{\left(X_k \mid \ge M_k\right) \quad and \quad \left(\left|R_k\right| < M_k\right)}_{} \text{ [Equation 33]}$$

Please amend paragraph [0121] of the specification, as follows:

$$\frac{\left(\left|X_{k}\right| < M_{k}\right) - and - \left(\left|R_{k}\right| \ge M_{k}\right)}{= \left|X_{k}\right| - M_{k}}$$
 [Equation 34]

Please amend paragraph [0123] of the specification, as follows:

$$\frac{1}{|X_k| < M_k}$$
 and $\frac{1}{|X_k| < M_k}$ M_k and $M_k \ge M_k$ [Equation 35]